RESOLUTIONS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FORWARDED TO GOVERNMENT—AFFIXING OF STAMPS

96. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there are instances of letters forwarding resolutions passed in public meetings addressed to the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development being returned for the reason of their (letters) being unstamped;

(*b*) if so, the number of such letters returned to the senders for the above reason in 1116 and 1117?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) and (*b*) Information sought for is not available.

VILLAGE OFFICERS IN TOWNS—PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCE

97. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any special allowance is being given to Parvathiams working in town areas;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the Parvathiams in what all places get this allowance?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Parvathiams of Cheruthuruthi, Trichur, Irinjalakuda, Ernakulam, Mattancheri, Nadamel, Mulavukad and Chowwara groups of villages are given duty allowance of Rs. 5 each.

FOREST EXCLUSIONS IN CHITTUR TALUK—DELAY IN DISPOSAL

98. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many acres of disafforested lands are there now for sale in Chittur;

(*b*) how long have they been lying fallow and without any return;

(*c*) what is the price per acre that Government have fixed;

(*d*) is the price higher than what Government have fixed in other places;

(*e*) if so, why;

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(*f*) what is the nature of the soil of this place and the lay of it;

(*g*) will Government now consider the desirability of disposing them of for the price in the other places of the State?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) 355·84 acres.

(*b*) An extent of 295·16 acres has been lying fallow for the last 20 years. The remaining extent of 60·68 acres became available for assignment in 1107 and the subsequent years.

(*c*) The price per acre varies from Rs. 20 to Rs. 100. This is only the upset Price.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*d*).

(*f*) The nature of the soil is red ferruginous, loam.

(*g*) The lands will be disposed of when offers are received, which Government think reasonable.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* May I know where it is available?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* In Pattancheri village and around.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* What is the price?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* From Rs. 20 to Rs. 100. For first class *nilams* it is Rs. 100. Dry cultivation lands cost Rs. 20, and the other kinds of *nilams*, Rs. 50.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural):* Are lands for cultivation sold in Moolathara?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Is there any area available at Kozhinjampara?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is this red ferruginous loam soil fit for cultivation?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

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